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Protest held over 'disappearance' of labour leader

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Iqbal Abro, a young trade unionist, has gone missing in the Korangi Industrial Area, with trade union leaders alleging that he was taken away by the police at the behest of influential industrialists as he had raised his voice against forced retrenchment at an industrial unit, officials and activists said.

However, the Korangi district police denied the allegation of detaining Mr Abro.

The activists held a protest demonstration outside Karachi Press Club on Sunday evening.

The protest was organised on the call of the National Trade Union Federation Pakistan (NTUF-P).

The participants, including women, carried portraits of Mr Abro, and demanded his release from an "illegal custody".

Talking to the media on the occasion, Nasir Mehmood, Comrade Gul Rehman and other trade union leaders alleged that young trade unionist was kidnapped by the Awami Colony police, subjected to torture, and later shifted to an unknown location.

They termed it an enforced disappearance and alleged that an influential industrialist was involved behind it, as the young activist had been speaking about the rights of the workers who had been retrenched by the industrial unit without justification.

They also said that a petition to this effect had been filed before the Sindh High Court.

They urged Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah to secure the release of Mr Abro from the "illegal custody" of the police.

The NTUF-P leaders warned that if the activist was not released, they would decide a future course of action at a labour conference scheduled to be held in the Site area on Sunday evening.

PROTESTERS demand release of Iqbal Abro outside the Karach Press Club on Saturday.—Dawn

Magistrate sends suspect to prison in quadruple murder case

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: A judicial magistrate on Saturday declined to grant further physical remand of a suspect and sent him to prison in a case pertaining to the murder of a woman and her three children.

After the end of his first five-day physical remand, the investigating officer (IO) again brought suspect Masroor Hussain before the magistrate and sought an extension in his custody for further investigation.

The IO, Inspector Mohammad Mehmood, submitted that police have recovered a dagger, used in the crime, on a lead provided by the suspect, but he did not disclose the names and whereabouts of his accomplices.

The officer also maintained that it was a heinous crime and custody of the suspect was further required for questioning in order to unearth exact motive and other facts behind the quadruple murder.

After hearing the IO and perusing the record, the judicial magistrate (West) Inaamullah Phulpoto in his order noted that apart from the recovery of the crime weapon, no tangible progress or material development has been made to justify further police custody.

"It is a settled principle of law that police custody remand cannot be granted merely on the assertion that the accused is not disclosing information or that further interrogation is required. The IO is duty bound to demonstrate concrete progress and compelling reasons for extension of police custody, which, in the present case are lacking", the magistrate added.

He also observed that he was not satisfied to grant further physical remand and, therefore, sent the suspect to jail on judicial remand with direction to the IO to submit investigation report under Section 173 of CrPC within stipulated time.

According to the prosecution, four partially decomposed bodies were found off Mai Kolachi Road on Jan 3. The deceased were identified as Anila, 35, her two sons — Husain Ali, 13, and Muhammad Zulqarnain, 12 — and her daughter, Kishwara Zehra, 14.

It said that police had arrested the suspect on the following day and asserted that he and the deceased woman had been friends for a long time. She had been using black magic and would often make demands due to which the suspect was under mental pressure, the prosecution added.

A case was registered at the Docks police station under Section 302 (murder) and 34 (Common intention) of the Pakistan Penal Code.

Six family members sustain burn injuries after gas explosion

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Six family members sustained burn injuries in a gas explosion in their Gulshan-i-Iqbal home on Saturday, police and rescue services officials said.

Area SHO Mohammed Naeem Rajput said that on the first-floor flat of Hibba Homes in Block-2, a gas stove had been left open, which filled the kitchen and an adjacent room with gas. When someone lit a match, it triggered an explosion, which caused burns to the six family members.

They were taken to the Burns Centre at the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where the condition of Ghulam Shabbir, 50, was stated to be serious as he had suffered over 76 per cent burns, police surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed said.

She added that two other persons, Hamza, 13, and Ahmed, 22— both sons of Shabbir —had sustained 35pc and 31pc burns. The three others who suffered minor burns were identified as Abdullah, 19, Mohsin, 27, and Shumaila.

Police inspector held

Police claimed to have arrested an inspector for his alleged involvement in murdering his wife in Shadman Town a day earlier.

SSP-Central Zeeshan Shafiq Siddiqi said that suspect Tabassum Ahmed is in custody and the murder weapon was recovered from his possession. "Further interrogation is underway, and all the proceedings will be done as per the law," he said.

The suspect is posted with the Special Investigation Unit. A case was registered against him under Section 302 (premeditated murder) of the Pakistan Penal Code.

Suspect shot dead in 'encounter'

A suspected robber was shot dead while a policeman and two passers-by were injured during an encounter in Mehmoodabad early on Saturday morning, said police and rescue services officials.

The police said that robbers were looting citizens in Mehmoodabad-3 when a policeman in civvies challenged them. In an ensuing exchange of gunfire, one suspect, late identified as Sohail Qasim, was killed and his unidentified accomplice was wounded.

The policeman, Head Constable Hammad Ali, 40, and passers-by Mohammed Arsh Chishti, 12, and Mohammed Ali, 25, were also wounded in the firing carried out by the robbers.

The child suffered a bullet wound in the abdomen. He, along with other injured were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, where they were stated to be out of danger.

The police claimed to have recovered a pistol from the possession of the killed suspect.Cold and dry weather is likely to prevail over most districts of the province.

Moderate to dense fog is likely to persist over Sukkur, Rohri, Shikarpur, Kashmore, Shaheed Benazirabad, Dadu, Larkana, Tando Jam, Mohenjodaro and surrounding areas.

Curbing maternal mortality a priority, says Kamal

KARACHI: Federal Health Minister Syed Mustafa Kamal has described the grim reality of approximately 400 maternal deaths per 10,000 childbirths a "national priority", calling the situation as "extremely alarming".

He made these remarks on Saturday while inaugurating Karachi's first end-to-end digitised health centre.

This initiative is part of a broader health digitalisation programme launched in collaboration with the digital telemedicine platform "Sehat Kahani."

The federal minister said that under this scheme, six basic health units (BHUs) in Islamabad and four BHUs in Karachi will be digitalised to make the facility of specialist doctors available at the primary level. —PPI

Ex-bureaucrat Saeed Mehdi recounts Pakistan's turbulent past in memoirs

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years I spent in different jails of Pakistan, including 45 days of solitary confinement, 90 days in the NAB police station and faced three cases for my sins of omission or commission. I just happened to be on the staff of the prime minister when he retired Gen Musharraf, being legally and constitutionally competent to do so. I have no complaints. As people around me used to say that I faced it bravely with a smile on my face."

After the speech, Mr Mehdi narrated to the media quite a few incidents from his life as a civil servant involving Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Benazir Bhutto and Gen Ziaul Haq.

Earlier, Ms Saiyid said it was a pleasure working with Mr Mehdi. It took him 25 years to think about writing the book, and thinking about what to write and what not to write.

SAEEED Mehdi speaks at the event.—Fahim Siddiqi / White Star

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. BRT/ MKTG/14/2025-26

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Proposals are invited from interested local parties with relevant business for the sale of barite ore as per details mentioned in ITB. Local bidders registered as per law of Pakistan can obtain tender document via email after submitting a tender fee of PKR 5,000 through Pay Order or Cash payment.

Value of Bid Money:	2% of the bid value along with proposal.
Address for Collection & Submission of Tender Document:	BME House, 3 & 8 - B Model Town, Quetta, Balochistan, Pakistan.
Schedule for Collection of Tender Document:	Between January 12, 2026 to January 26, 2026 from Monday to Friday during working hours (8:30 hrs - 17:15 hrs) (PST)
Bid Closing Date & Time:	January 27, 2026 at 15:00 hrs (PST)
Bid Opening Date & Time:	January 27, 2026 at 15:30 hrs (PST) at above address.

Tender number & item details must be mentioned on the bid submission envelope.

BME reserves the right to accept / reject any or all bids as per provision of PPRA Rules.

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Date: January 26, 2026
Time: 11:30 a.m.

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JANUARY 08, 2026

FINAL SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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In continuation of Charge Sheet No. Estt.Leave N.T(Efficiency & Discipline) /(1-16)/2025)/127 (a) dated 29-09-2025.

You are absent from your duty since 14-04-2025 without proper intimation or approval of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Karachi. A Charge Sheet was already been issued to you but you did not submit any reply against this charge sheet nor you did not appear before the inquiry officer.

This act is called for Disciplinary Action under section 48 (2) (b) of University of Karachi Act, 1972) Clause 4 (g) of the University of Karachi Employees (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules.

You are therefore, again advised to submit your written reply to the undersigned within 07 days after receipt of this Final Show Cause Notice. If no reply is received within the stipulated period it will be inferred that you have nothing to say in your defence, which penalties as per University of Karachi Employees (Efficiency & Discipline) Ordinance, 1962 (Protected Under Section 48(2) (b) of the University of Karachi Act, 1972), Clause 4 (g) of the i.e. **"Dismissal from service"**, will be imposed.

This is being issued with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

Prof. Dr. Imran Ahmed Siddiqui
Registrar
UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI

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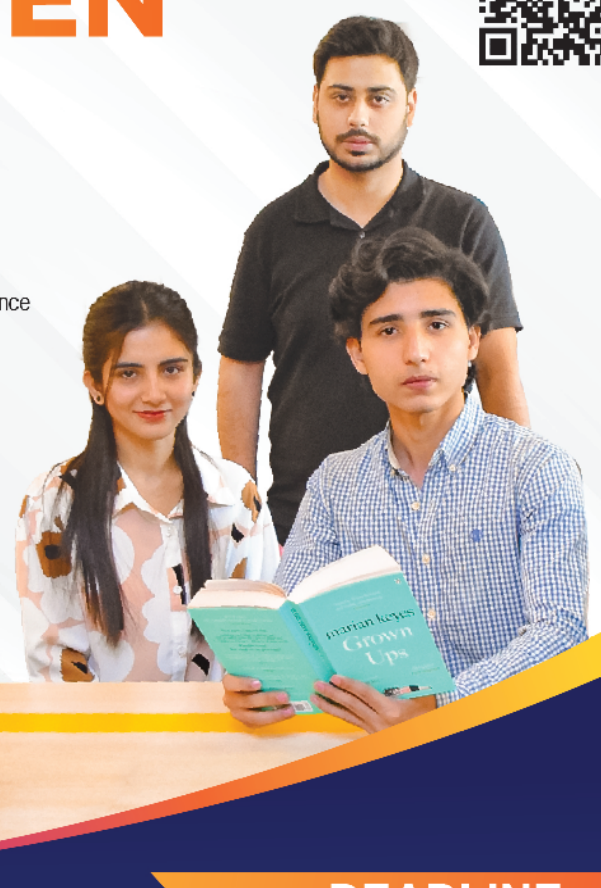

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